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SUBJECT: EC FOREIGN MINISTERS COUNCIL, SEPTEMBER 20, 1976 HIGHLIGHTS

1. SUMMARY: IN ADDITION TO THEIR DECISION ON EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT DIRECT ELECTIONS (REPORTED SEPTEL), THE EC FOREIGN MINISTERS COVERED THE FOLLOWING SUBJECTS DURING THEIR SEPTEMBER 20 COUNCIL SESSION: (1) CHAPTER 2 OF THE TINDEMANS REPORT; (2) THE EC TURKEY ASSOCIATION COUNCIL; (3) THE EC-SPAIN TRADE AGREEMENT; (4) CIEC; (5) FISHERIES PROBLEMS; (6) CEMA'S PROPOSED COOPERATION AGREEMENT; AND (7) THE EC-MASHREK COOPERATION AGREEMENTS. THE SIGNING OF THE ADDITIONAL PROTOCOLS TO THE 1972 EC/PORTUGAL TRADE AGREEMENT IS REPORTED SEPTEL. END SUMMARY.

2. TINDEMANS REPORT-DURING A PRELIMINARY MEETING, THE
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MINISTERS CONTINUED THEIR DISCUSSIONS OF CHAPTER 2 (EUROPE

IN THE WORLD) OF THE TINDEMANS REPORT.
FOLLOWING THE COUNCIL SESSION, BELGIAN FOREIGN
MINISTER VAN ELSLANDE COMMENTED THAT IT WAS NOT "INCON-
CEIVABLE" THAT THE FOREIGN MINISTERS WOULD FAIL TO MEET
THEIR TARGET OF COMPLETING A REVIEW OF THE TINDEMANS
REPORT AND SUBMITTING RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE EUROPEAN
COUNCIL IN NOVEMBER THIS YEAR.

3. EC-TURKEY-ACCORDING TO A PERMREP SOURCE, THE
GERMANS FIRMLY INDICATED THAT THEY WOULD BE UNABLE TO
MAKE FURTHER CONCESSIONS TO THE TURKS ON THE MIGRANT
WORKER ISSUE, EITHER BEFORE OR AFTER THE GERMAN OCTOBER
ELECTIONS. THE SAME SOURCE INDICATED THAT THE FRENCH
AND THE ITALIANS, HOWEVER, WERE NOT TOTALLY NEGATIVE
ON THE PROSPECT OF FURTHER CONCESSIONS IN THE AGRICUL-
TURAL SECTOR. AT HIS POST-SESSION PRESS CONFERENCE,
DUTCH FOREIGN MINISTER VAN DER STOEL, THE COUNCIL
PRESIDENT, EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT PREPARATORY DISCUS-
SIONS IN THE ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE WILL MAKE IT
POSSIBLE FOR THE EC-TURKEY ASSOCIATION COUNCIL TO TAKE
PLACE AS PLANNED IN OCTOBER.

4. EC-SPAIN TRADE AGREEMENT-THE MINISTERS REVIEWED
PROSPECTS FOR FUTURE NEGOTIATIONS WITH SPAIN ON
ADAPTATION OF THE EC/SPAIN TRADE AGREEMENT AND REQUESTED
COREPER TO CONTINUE ITS STUDY OF THE EC COMMISSION'S
PROPOSALS.

5. NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE-THE COUNCIL CONDUCTED A
REVIEW OF THE PARIS CIEC TALKS.

6. FISHERIES PROBLEMS-FISHERIES WAS ADDED TO THE
COUNCIL AGENDA AT THE LAST MINUTE UPON BRITISH INSISTENCE.
UK FOREIGN SECRETARY CROSLAND TOOK THE OCCASION TO STRESS
ONCE AGAIN HMG'S STRONG INTEREST IN EXTENDING COMMUNITY
WATERS TO 200 MILES. CROSLAND LATER TOLD THE PRESS
THAT HE HAD WARNED HIS COLLEAGUES THAT EASTERN BLOC
TRAWLERS WERE ALREADY ENGAGED IN HEAVY FISHING OFF THE
BRITISH COAST AND THAT HE HAD EXPRESSED STRONG HOPE
THAT COMMUNITY ACTION COULD BE SETTLED DURING THE
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OCTOBER 18-19 FOREIGN MINISTERS COUNCIL SESSION, WITH
A VIEW TO EXTENDING LIMITS BY JANUARY 1. HE STATED
THAT THE UK HAS ITS OWN LEGISLATION FOR EXTENDING
LIMITS ON THE DRAFTING BOARD AND THAT THE UK WOULD
BE PREPARED TO EXTEND ITS LIMITS UNILATERALLY, IF
NECESSARY. CROSLAND STRESSED THAT THE UK FORESEES
A STAGE-BY-STAGE APPROACH TO FISHERIES PROBLEMS: FIRST,
EXTENSION OF LIMITS TO 200 MILES; SECOND, APPROVAL OF

NEGOTIATING MANDATES FOR AGREEMENTS WITH THIRD COUNTRIES;
AND THIRD, RENEGOTIATION OF THE INTERNAL EC FISHERIES
POLICY. AT A SEPARATE PRESS BRIEFING, IRISH FOREIGN
MINISTER FITZGERALD STRESSED HIS GOVERNMENT'S VIEW
THAT NEGOTIATION WITH THIRD COUNTRIES WAS IMPOSSIBLE
IN ADVANCE OF AGREEMENT ON THE INTERNAL FISHERIES
POLICY, STRESSING THE CRITICAL NEED TO REACH
DEFINITION ON COASTAL ZONES.

7. EC-CEMA-IN RESTRICTED SESSION,THE MINISTERS
REVIEWED THE COMMISSION'S OPTIONS PAPER ON THE EC RESPONSE
TO CEMA'S PROPOSAL FOR ACOOPERATION AGREEMENT. THEY
TOOK NO DECISIONS, AND THE FILE HAS BEEN RETURNED
TO COREPER FOR FURTHER STUDY. VAN DER STOEL LATER
COMMENTED THAT HE EXPECTS THE SUBJECT TO COME UP FOR
FURTHER DISCUSSION AT THE OCTOBER 18-19 COUNCIL SESSION.

8. EC-MASHREK-THE COUNCIL AUTHORIZED THE EC COMMISSION
TO NEGOTIATE COOPERATION AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE EC AND
THE MASHREK COUNTRIES. DETAILS OF THE PROPOSED
AGREEMENTS ARE BEING REPORTED BY AIRGRAM.

9. REVIEW OF OTHER COUNCIL WORK-ACTING UNDER THEIR
MANDATE TO REVIEW AND COORDINATE THE ACTIVITIES OF
OTHER COUNCILS, THE FOREIGN MINISTERS BRIEFLY DISCUSSED,
WITHOUT TAKING ANY ACTION, (A) ENERGY: THE BRITISH
RE-STATED THEIR POSITION IN FAVOR OF A MINIMUM SAFEGUARD
PRICE TO PROTECT INVESTMENT IN NORTH SEA OIL; (B)
RESEARCH: THE NEED FOR AN EARLY DECISION ON A SITE
FOR THE JOINT EUROPEAN TOURS (JET) WAS AGAIN STRESSED;
(C) DEVELOPMENT AID: THE MINISTERS REVIEWED THE JULY BUDGET COUNCIL
DECISION TO REMOVE FROM THE EC BUDGET 20 MILLION UNITS
OF ACCOUNT EARMARKED FOR NON-ASSOCIATED COUNTRIES.
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THAT DECISION IS EXPECTED TO DRAW FIRE FROM THE
EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT IN ITS BUDGET DISCUSSIONS IN
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